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Description: ff. 65 - In goatskin over pasteboard made from manuscript waste, blind stamped on covers and spine with scattered dots and triple fillets, s. XV#^ex# or XVI, in Italy. - George A. Plimpton (1855-1936). - De Ricci, p. 1173.

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Language: Latin Italian *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-65v

Description: - Paper - Two unidentified watermarks, partially cropped. - 143 x 107 mm - ff. 1-7v, 24-28v, 28-35v varying from 20-30 long lines, with 21 long lines written every other line in quire 4; ff. 8-23 in 23 long lines; ff. 36-53 in 19 long lines; quire 5 ruled in lead, all others in ink.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XV3/4

Searchable Date Range: 1450 - 1475

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Bâtarde; semicalligraphic bâtarde; noting hand.

Other Decoration:

Number of Texts: 7

Text 1: ff. 1-7v, ff. 24-28

Author: Pseudo Seneca

Title: De verborum copia

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: [Q]uisquis prudentiam sequi desideras tunc per rationem recte vives ...

Status of text: Defective; misbound.



f. 1 Space reserved for 3-line initial; "yhs" monogram cropped in upper margin.

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f. 24 Book hand with relatively little control.

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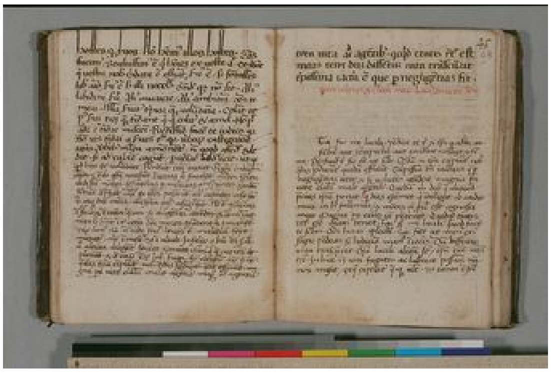
Text 2: ff. 28-35v

Author: Seneca

Title: Epistulae morales ad Lucilium

Language(s): Latin

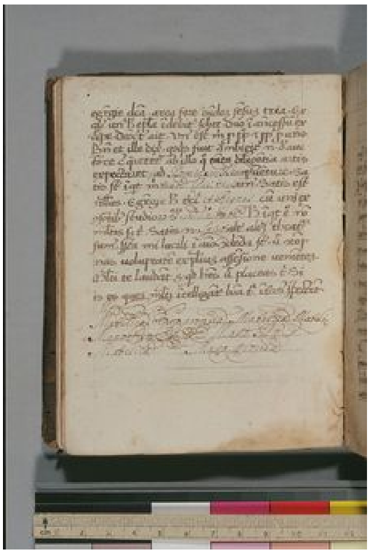
Notes: Contains Book 1, letters 1-7.



ff. 27v-28 Shifts of style and control, but possibly by the same scribe.

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f. 35v Single words omitted by scribe on every line, as if copied from a damaged exemplar; spaces filled in, s. XVI, "Dominum Deum tuum qui vivis et Regnas in Unitate spiritus"; in the lower margin, repeated, "Matelica, mano propria."

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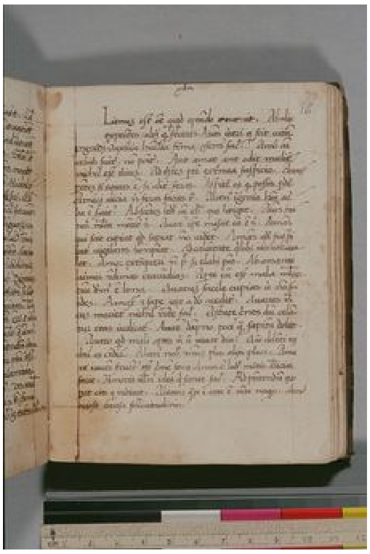
Text 3: ff. 16-23

Author: Publilius Syrus; Pseudo Seneca

Title: Sententiae De moribus

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Verses for A-N; prose excerpts, N-Z, from Ps-Seneca, De moribus



f. 16 The text complete on this 8-leaf quire, [A]lienum through [Z]elum.

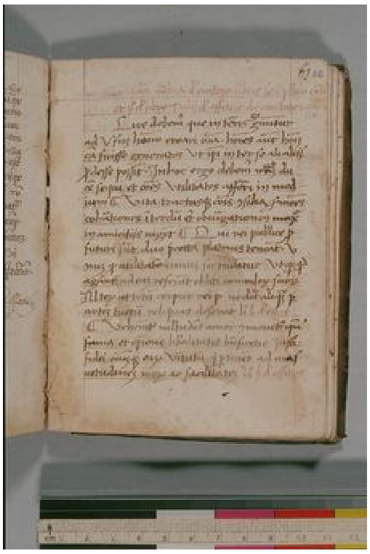
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Text 4: ff. 23r-v, 8-12v
Author: Seneca
Title: Florilegium from the Dialogiand the De clementiaof Seneca
Language(s): Latin

Text 5: ff. 13-15v
Author: Pseudo Seneca
Title: De moribus
Language(s): Latin
Status of text: Ending incomplete.

Text 6: ff. 36-53; f. 53v ruled but blank
Other Associate: Cicero; Cassiodorus; Bonaventure; Anselm
Title: Notabilia de oratorum et philosophorum
Title: Quotations from classical, biblical and patristic texts
Language(s): Latin
Notes: Loss of one leaf between ff. 36v-37 and between ff. 50v-51.

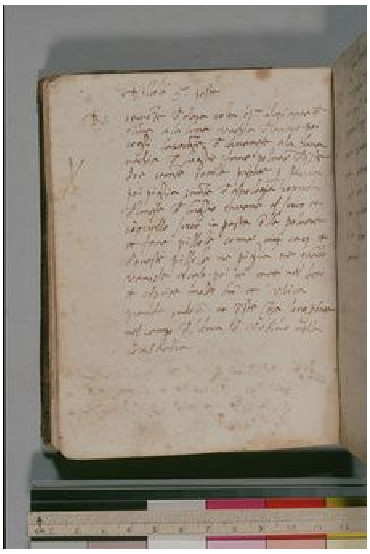


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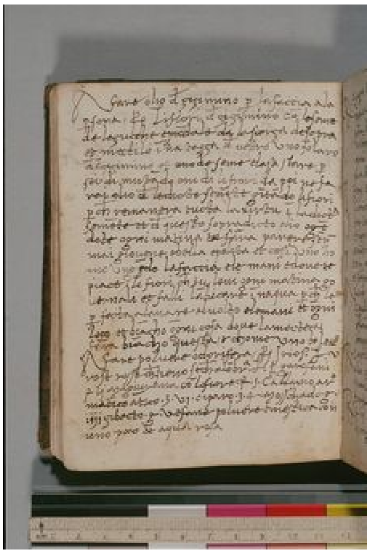
Text 7: ff. 54-65v
Title: Medical, cosmetic and technical recipes
Language(s): Italian
Notes: In several hands.



f. 54v Recipe for pills against the plague as proved in the camp of the Duke of Urbino in Lombardy (according to final lines).

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f. 56v Two recipes, of which the first is for an ointment to be applied every morning, so that "te farra parere sempremai giovene e bella e polita" (lines 10-11).

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f. 57v Several recipes, one of which was revealed by St. Dominic to a woman in Sicily (lines 20-21), to be used against scrofula.

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